

II. Empowering and Connecting Communities Through Information and Training

Empowering and Connecting Communities Through Information and Training: By proactively educating communities, ADEM would provide community members with information about ADEM permitting responsibilities as well as those that are delegated to local governments as a means to build linkages between communities and the various entities involved in the permitting process and ensure that communities understand and utilize opportunities for public involvement.

- A. For the Arrowhead Landfill and Dothan Landfill communities and throughout the state, ADEM will host community meetings to review the federal and state regulations and requirements governing Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle D facilities and the management of the disposal of coal combustion residuals from electric utilities.
- B. For the Arrowhead Landfill and Dothan Landfill communities and throughout the state, ADEM will host meetings with the elected and appointed officials to discuss their solid waste planning responsibilities, and to provide information on host communities' oversight and approval responsibilities. Minimally, these discussions and training exercises will include reviewing the State's and the local government's approved Solid Waste Management Plans; service area determinations and potential community impacts; advising on the best practices for eliciting community feedback and encouraging public engagement; addressing land-use planning; and providing counsel on options for using host fees to address community impacts and infrastructure needs such as funding private drinking water well testing, providing access to public water, and subsidizing roadway improvements.
- C. For the Arrowhead Landfill and Dothan Landfill communities and throughout the state, ADEM will host community meetings to provide specific information regarding the approved operating plans for municipal solid waste disposal landfills. Minimally, this outreach will include a discussion on the permitted hours of operations and signage requirements, access and security requirements, waste acceptance and screening procedures, supervisory and employee training and certifications, vegetation and erosion control requirements, testing and monitoring requirements, daily disposal operations, and emergency procedures.
- D. For the Arrowhead Landfill and Dothan Landfill communities and throughout the state, ADEM will host training for communities on how to utilize the eFile website that docket ADEM's permitting actions. ADEM will ensure that the eFile system is accessible to persons with limited-English proficiency (LEP) and will ensure that the appropriate auxiliary aids and services are provided to persons with disabilities. ADEM will ensure that vital documents uploaded to the eFile system for review by the public during open permitting processes are translated into needed languages other than English in order to give LEP persons in potentially-affected communities the ability to meaningfully participate in the process. For individuals who do not have access to computers, ADEM will continue to ensure pertinent hard copy documents are available to the public in areas such as libraries or other previously used facilities.